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FOR  FROM COL. LEDFORD

1. NEEDLESS TO SAY I AM VERY SADDENED AND DISTRESSED OVER OUR

LOSS OF THE ACFT, BUT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF

 HE AND I HAD BECOME GOOD FRIENDS AS WELL AS TENNIS PARTNER25X1 AND I HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY FOND OF  PLEASE PASS MY CONCERN25X1 AND DISTRESS TO  AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

TEAM.

2. FROM MY ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

25X1 IT LOOKS LIKE  RECEIVED A NEAR MISS WHICH CRIPPLED THE ACFT AND

POSSIBLY INCAPACITATED HIM. THE TIME SEQUENCE OF THE APPARENT TURN

FROM TRACK OF 45° ACCORDING TO THE TACTICAL DOCTRINE, FOLLOWED BY

25X1 HIS  WARNING, FOLLOWED BY AN25X1 OMINOUS SILENCE FROM BOTH THE  GIVES A

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT IS FAIRLY CONCLUSIVE. IT DOES APPEAR FROM

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OTHER [REDACTED] REPORTS THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN FLYING FOR FIVE TO  
SEVEN MINUTES AFTER THE ASSUMED HIT, WHICH LEAVES ME WITH SOME  
HOPE THAT HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE THE WATER. I URGE THE MOST COM-  
PLETE POSSIBLE RESCUE EFFORTS FOR TODAY. MAKE SURE THAT [REDACTED]  
UTILIZES ALL AVAILABLE FACILITIES POSSIBLE.

25X1

3. I HAD CONSIDERED MOVING ONE OF THE THREE ACFT AT

[REDACTED] IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE A COVER FOR ANY POSSIBLE INQUIRIES BUT HAVE DECIDED THAT THE BEST THING TO DO AT THIS TIME IS TO REMAIN QUIET AND GO ~~THE~~ UNDERGROUND AND NOT RISK ANY U-2 ACTIVITY UNTIL WE KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SITUATION.

**1. AIR FORCE HAS LAID ON A REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN**

PRIORITY READOUT OF [REDACTED] FROM MISSION C174C, I HOPE  
WE WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN SOME COLLABORATING EVIDENCE FROM THAT  
READOUT.

...COMPLIMENTS TO [REDACTED] ON A FINE FLIGHT ON C174C. 25X1

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